

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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DISTRICT OF MICH

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IN THE MATTER OF FIFTH AMENDMENT
TO CIVIL JUSTICE EXPENSE AND
DELAY REDUCTION PLAN

Administrative Order
No. 96-053

Congress has designated this district to participate in a demonstration program to experiment with systems of differentiated case management under the Civil Justice Reform Act, Public Law 101-650, § 104(b). Pursuant to this statutory requirement, the court adopted a Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan ("Plan") containing a differentiated case management system. The Plan calls for all civil litigation filed in this district to be assigned to one of six differentiated case management tracks, or be randomly assigned to a seventh, Non-DCM track that has minimal judicial involvement as a control group.

The court's statutory obligation is no longer in effect. However, the court's experience to date leads the court to conclude that the Plan shall remain in effect. It is therefore unnecessary to maintain the Non-DCM track. The Civil Justice Advisory Group concurs with the conclusion reached by the court.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan adopted by this district be and is hereby amended to eliminate the Non-DCM track.

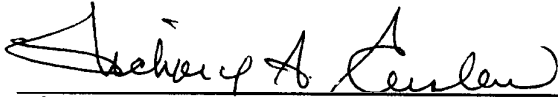
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all cases currently pending and assigned to the Non-DCM track shall remain as such unless otherwise requested by the parties or ordered by the court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except as herein amended, this court's Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan, as embodied in the orders dated December 18, 1991, August 28, 1992, November 16, 1993, December 17, 1993, and March 31, 1994, shall remain unchanged.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall distribute copies of this amendment as required by law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this amendment shall take immediate effect.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1996.



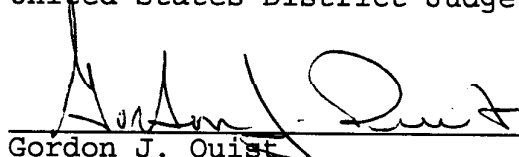
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